IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

THIRD POINT, LLC,)
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Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No
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TRIPOINT ASSET)
MANAGEMENT, LP and)
TRIPOINT HOLDINGS LLC,)
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Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Third Point, LLC ("Third Point"), by way of Complaint against Defendants, TriPoint Asset Management, LP ("TriPoint AM") and TriPoint Holdings, LLC ("TriPoint Holdings") (collectively "TriPoint"), respectfully avers the following:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is a Complaint for false designation of origin and unfair competition under the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, et seq., as amended (hereinafter the "Lanham Act"), and for unfair competition under the laws of the State of Delaware.

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff Third Point is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in New York, New York.
- 3. Third Point is in the business of providing alternative investment services, specifically hedge fund services, and has been in operation since 1995.

- Upon information and belief, TriPoint AM is a limited partnership organized 4. under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 5. Upon information and belief, TriPoint AM is in the business of providing alternative investment services.
- 6. Upon information and belief, TriPoint Holdings is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and is a General Partner in TriPoint AM.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- The authorized agent for service in Delaware for Tripoint AM and Tripoint 7. Holdings is Agents and Corporations, Inc, located at 1201 Orange Street, Suit 600, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801.
- This Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 8. 1338(a), and the principles of supplemental jurisdiction.
 - 9. Venue in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c).

BACKGROUND

- Third Point has used the trademark name THIRD POINT to identify itself and its 10. services in the United States and throughout the world since 1995.
- Third Point is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the 11. following applications to the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") and the common law marks represented thereby:
- THIRD POINT, Serial No. 77/097,747, filed February 2, 2007 in International a. Class 36 for use on and in connection with "financial management and investment services; asset management services; hedge fund services" based on first use and first use in commerce at least

as early as 1995.

- b. THIRD POINT & Design, Serial No. 77/097,779, filed February 2, 2007 in International Class 36 for use on and in connection with financial management and investment services; asset management services; hedge fund services" based on first use and first use in commerce at least as early as 1995.
- 12. Today, Third Point manages four funds: Third Point Partners L.P., Third Point Offshore Fund, Ltd., Third Point Partners Qualified L.P., and Third Point Ultra Ltd.
- 13. Third Point has established a reputation in the investment community, and the investment community associates the Third Point name with the quality investment services that Third Point offers.
- The THIRD POINT mark has acquired substantial goodwill in the investment 14. community.
 - The THIRD POINT mark has acquired secondary meaning. 15.
- The THIRD POINT mark and the goodwill of the business associated therewith in 16. the United States and throughout the world are of great and incalculable value. The THIRD POINT mark is distinctive and arbitrary, and has become associated by the relevant public with investment services of the highest quality and reputation.
- In 2006, TriPoint AM applied to register TRIPOINT ASSET MANAGEMENT, 17. Serial No. 78/797,279; TRIPOINT ASSET MANAGEMENT & Design, Serial No. 78/903,634; TRIPOINT PARTNERS, Serial No. 78/797,316; and TRIPOINT & Design, Serial No. 78/905,609, as service marks, on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office based upon its intent to use such marks in commerce.
 - Upon information and belief, TriPoint began offering its services to investors in 18.

2006 in the United States through a single fund.

Upon information and belief. TriPoint has begun using the mark TRIPOINT 19. ASSET MANAGEMENT in commerce.

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- By letter dated October 25, 2006, Third Point demanded that TriPoint AM cease 20. and desist the use of the phrase "TriPoint" and the infringement of the THIRD POINT mark or any name or mark confusingly similar thereto.
 - TriPoint AM has refused to cease engaging in such conduct. 21.
- TriPoint's ongoing use of TRIPOINT thus willfully infringes Third Point's trade 22. name and trademark rights and is likely to confuse the investment community into believing they are dealing with Third Point.

FIRST COUNT - FEDERAL UNFAIR COMPETITION AND FALSE **DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN**

- Third Point repeats, reiterates and reavers the averments set forth in paragraphs 1-23. 22 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Given the confusing similarity between the overall impression of TriPoint's use of 24. TRIPOINT with Third Point's use of THIRD POINT, TriPoint's use of the TRIPOINT mark constitutes an intentional and willful false designation of origin and false description and representation to the consuming public, members of whom are likely to believe TriPoint's services are offered by or otherwise associated with Third Point, all to TriPoint's profit and Third Point's damage and injury.
- TriPoint's aforesaid acts violate Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. 25. §1125(a), and have caused and will continue to cause Third Point irreparable injury unless enjoined by this Court.

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26. Third Point has no adequate remedy at law.

SECOND COUNT - DELAWARE UNFAIR COMPETITION

- 27. Third Point repeats, reiterates and reavers the averments set forth in paragraphs 1 - 26 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
 - 28. Third Point has built up valuable goodwill in the THIRD POINT mark.
- On information and belief, with knowledge of the THIRD POINT mark, 29. TriPoint's use of the TRIPOINT mark has misled and will continue to mislead the public into assuming a connection between Third Point's and TriPoint's services in the alternative investment field.
- 30. TriPoint's acts constitute unfair competition with Third Point in violation of Delaware law. These acts have caused and will continue to cause Third Point irreparable harm unless enjoined by this Court.
 - 31. Third Point has no adequate remedy at law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Third Point requests entry of judgment in its favor and against TriPoint and respectfully prays that this Court:

- Adjudge that TriPoint's use of the TRIPOINT mark is a false designation of a. origin in violation of the Lanham Act and unfair competition with Third Point;
- b. Permanently enjoin TriPoint, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and other persons in active concert or participation with them from: (i) doing business under the TRIPOINT name or mark; (ii) making any use of the TRIPOINT mark to misrepresent that TriPoint's services are associated with or emanate from Third Point; (iii) using the TRIPOINT mark and any other name or mark confusingly similar to THIRD POINT; and (iv) filing or continuing to

- prosecute any applications to register marks containing TRIPOINT for use in financial services, including continuing to maintain its applications Serial No. 78/797,279; Serial No. 78/797,316; Serial No. 78/905,609; and Serial No. 78/903,634 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
- c. Order TriPoint to surrender for destruction all inventory in the TriPoint's possession or control of advertising, promotional or other materials bearing any name or mark containing the word "TriPoint" or any name or mark confusingly similar to THIRD POINT;
- d. Grant Third Point an equitable accounting of TriPoint's profits and award Third Point judgment for its damages or such profits, whichever are greater, arising from TriPoint's false designation of origin and unfair competition, such damages to be trebled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117;
- e. Award Third Point exemplary or punitive damages on Third Point's state law unfair competition claim due to TriPoint's intentional acts in reckless disregard of Third Point's rights and TriPoint's false representations to, and deception of, the public to foster the belief that TriPoint's services are those of Third Point or are associated with Third Point; and

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f. Grant Third Point such other and further relief as the Court deems to be reasonable, necessary and just.

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